

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8: Canceled

9. (currently amended) A system for administering promotions associated with a wagering application in which a player purchases credit to make wagers on a game of chance, ~~the player being awarded~~ and can use a priori promotion credit ~~from time to time awarded to the player to make wagers on the game of chance,~~ comprising:

a credit administration facility operable to maintain a credit account for the player, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the credit administration facility is operable to automatically determine the balance of the credit account of the player as a function of any credit purchases made by the player, wagers made by the player and their corresponding payouts, and any a priori promotion credit awarded to the player, the credit administration facility being instructable to display the balance of the credit account to the player on a display means, wherein the credit administration facility is further operable to maintain a non-cashable sub-account corresponding to a portion of the player's credit account that is not redeemable for monetary value and to maintain at least one play-through sub-account for the player.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 10 9 in which the credit administration facility is instructable to display a balance of the ~~at least one~~ non-cashable sub-account to the player on the display means.

12. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 10 9 in which the credit administration facility detects the award of a priori promotion credit to the player, the a priori promotion credit having a corresponding quantum and a corresponding play-through multiplier.

13. (original) A system as claimed in claim 12 in which the credit administration facility increments a balance of the player's non-cashable sub-account by the quantum of the a priori promotion credit.

14. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 13 in which the ~~credit administration also maintains~~ the at least one play-through sub-account for the player, ~~the at least one play-through sub-account being either one of~~ includes a play through required sub-account, and a play through achieved sub-account.

15. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 14 9 in which the credit administration facility is instructable to display a balance of the at least one play through sub-account to the player on the display means.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim ~~16~~ 14 in which the credit administration facility increments the balance of the play-through required sub-account by an amount that is a function of the quantum of the a priori promotion credit and the play through multiplier.

18. (original) A system as claimed in claim 17 in which the function is the quantum of the a priori promotion credit multiplied by the play through multiplier.

19. (original) A system as claimed in claim 18 in which the credit administration facility increments the balance of the play through achieved sub-account by an amount equal to a size of the wager made by the player on the game of chance.

20. (original) A system as claimed in claim 19 in which the credit administration facility debits the balance of the player's credit account and the balance of the non-cashable sub-account with the size of the wager and credits these balances with a payout arising from the wager, if successful.

21. (original) A system as claimed in claim 20 in which the credit account facility clears the balances of the play through required the play through achieved sub-accounts when the size of the wager exceeds the balance of the non-cashable sub-account.

22. (original) A system as claimed in claim 21 in which the credit administration facility enables the player to request a cash-out at any time.

23. (original) A system as claimed in claim 22 in which the credit administration facility automatically determines, in response to the player's cash-out request, a balance of the player credit account that is redeemable for monetary value and displays the redeemable balance to the player on the display means.

24. (original) A system as claimed in claim 23 in which the redeemable balance is the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the non-cashable sub-account if the balance of the play-through achieved sub-account is less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

25. (original) A system as claimed in claim 23 in which the redeemable balance is the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the lesser of the balance of the non-cashable sub-account and a cumulative total of a priori promotion credit awarded to the player if the balance of the play through achieved sub-account is not less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

26. (currently amended) A method for administering promotions associated with a wagering application in which a player purchases credit to make wagers on a game of chance, ~~the player being awarded~~ and can use a priori promotion credit from time to time awarded to the player to make wagers on the game of chance, including the step of the method comprising:

maintaining a credit account for the player;

maintaining a non-cashable sub-account corresponding to a portion of the player's credit account that is not redeemable for monetary value;

maintaining at least one play through sub-account for the player;

~~characterised in that~~

~~the method includes the further steps:~~

automatically determining the balance of the credit account of the player as a function of any credit purchases made by the player, wagers made by the player and their corresponding payouts, and any a priori promotion credit awarded to the player; and

displaying, upon instruction the balance of the credit account to the player.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~27~~ 26 that includes a step of displaying, upon instruction, a balance of the ~~at least one~~ non-cashable sub-account to the player.

29. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~27~~ 26 that includes a step of detecting the award of a priori promotion credit to the player, the a priori promotion credit having a corresponding quantum and a corresponding play through multiplier.

30. (original) A method as claimed in claim 29 in which a balance of the player's non-cashable sub-account is incremented by the quantum of the a priori promotion credit.

31. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 30 in which ~~at least one play through sub-account for the player is also maintained,~~ the at least one play through

sub-account ~~being either one of~~ includes a play through required sub-account, and a play through achieved sub-account.

32. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~34~~ 26 in which a balance of the at least one play-through sub-account to the player is displayed upon instruction.

33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~33~~ 31 in which the balance of the play through required sub-account is incremented by an amount that is a function of the quantum of the of the a priori promotion credit and the play through multiplier.

35. (original) A method as claimed in claim 34 in which the function is the quantum of the a priori promotion credit multiplied by the play through multiplier.

36. (original) A method as claimed in claim 35 in which the balance of the play through achieved sub-account is incremented by an amount equal to a size of the wager made by the player on the game of chance.

37. (original) A method as claimed in claim 36 in which the balance of the player's credit account and the balance of the non-cashable sub-account is debited with the size of the wager and in which these balances are credited with a payout arising from the wager, if successful.

38. (original) A method as claimed in claim 37 in which the balances of the play through required and the play through achieved sub-accounts are cleared when the size of the wager exceeds the balance of the non-cashable sub-account.

39. (original) A method as claimed in claim 38 which includes the step of enabling the player to request a cash-out at any time.

40. (original) A method as claimed in claim 39 which includes a step of automatically determining, in response to the player's cash-out request, a balance of the player credit account that is redeemable for monetary value and displaying the redeemable balance to the player.

41. (original) A method as claimed in claim 40 in which the redeemable balance is determined to be the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the non-cashable sub-account if the balance of the play-through achieved sub-account is less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

42. (original) A method as claimed in claim 40 in which the redeemable balance is determined to be the difference between the balance of the player's credit account and the lesser of the balance of the non-cashable sub-account and a cumulative total of a priori promotion credit awarded to the player if the balance of the play-through achieved sub-account is not less than the balance of the play through required sub-account.

43. (currently amended) A system for administering promotions associated with a wagering application in which a player is awarded a priori promotion credit ~~from time to time~~ to make wagers on a game of chance, wherein the system is operable to cause the a priori promotion credit awarded to the player to become progressively redeemable for monetary value as a function of a cumulative total wagered by the player on the game of chance.

~~characterised in that~~

~~the a priori promotion credit awarded to the player becomes progressively redeemable for monetary value as a function of a cumulative total wagered by the player on the game of chance.~~

44. (currently amended) A method for administering promotions associated with a wagering application in which a player is awarded a priori promotion credit ~~from time to time~~ to make wagers on a game of chance, the method comprising:

~~characterised in that~~

~~the method includes a step of~~ causing the a priori promotion credit awarded to the player to become redeemable, progressively, for monetary value as a function of a cumulative amount wagered by the player of the game of chance.

45. (new) A system that enables a player to make wagers on house edge services and peer-to-peer services using a single player account, the system comprising:

a credit administration facility for administering any a priori promotion credit and any a posteriori credit associated with the player account, the credit administration facility being operable to compute:

- (i) a total balance of the player account;
- (ii) play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit;
- (iii) play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit; and
- (iv) a cashable portion of the total balance, wherein the cashable portion is affected by play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit in accordance with a first play through requirement and by play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit in accordance with a second play through requirement.

46. (new) The system of claim 45, wherein winnings arising from wagers made with the any a priori promotion credit contribute to the cashable portion when the first play through requirement is met.

47. (new) The system of claim 46, wherein the any a priori promotion credit does not contribute to the cashable portion at any time.

48. (new) The system of claim 45, wherein the any a priori promotion credit progressively contributes to the cashable portion as a function of wagers made by the player on house edge services.

49. (new) The system of claim 45, wherein the any a posteriori promotion credit contributes to the cashable portion when the second play through requirement is met.

50. (new) A method for administering any a priori promotion credit and any a posteriori credit associated with an account that a player can use to make wagers on house edge services and peer-to-peer services, the method comprising:

computing a total balance of the account;

computing play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit;

computing play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit; and

computing a cashable portion of the total balance, wherein the cashable portion is affected by play through achieved for the any a priori promotion credit in accordance with a first play through requirement and by play through achieved for the any a posteriori promotion credit in accordance with a second play through requirement.

51. (new) The method of claim 50, wherein winnings arising from wagers made with the any a priori promotion credit contribute to the cashable portion when the first play through requirement is met.

52. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein the any a priori promotion credit does not contribute to the cashable portion at any time.

53. (new) The method of claim 50, wherein the any a priori promotion credit progressively contributes to the cashable portion as a function of wagers made by the player on house edge services.

54. (new) The method of claim 50, wherein the any a posteriori promotion credit contributes to the cashable portion when the second play through requirement is met.